Bidders' Conference Call

Evaluation of Models for Internet Consumer Health Care Cost and Quality Information (5/5/15) Questions Posted (5/8/15)

1. Does the GMCB have a team/platform in place to operationalize the recommendations that come out of this RFP? Or does this RFP precede this step?

This RFP precedes any action to operationalize a transparency platform by the Green Mountain Care Board.

2. Does this RFP intend to focus on reporting individual and specific costs of medical procedures or is the intent to focus on aligning cost and quality information together?

The intent is to align both cost and quality information together in an environmental scan of best practices.

3. The new start date is July 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is a State holiday. Is this the earliest start date?

Although the July 3, 2015 date was an error – we did not recognize it was a state and federal holiday when drafting the RFP – it is nonetheless our estimate of the earliest date a contract will have been fully executed by both parties and the contractor will therefore be able to commence work on the project. Once a vendor is selected, the start date may change depending on the timeliness of state contracting processes.

4. Will the Green Mountain Care Board help facilitate discussions between the vendor and the insurers?

Yes.

5. In section 5.3 "Specific RFP Response," subsection "References," the RFP requests bidders to "provide the names, address, and phone numbers of at least three companies or State Agencies that the individual you are proposing has performed similar work within the last 3 years. You must include contact names who can talk knowledgably about performance and deliverables. The State reserves the right to contact any references provided by the Vendor. *The State invites vendors to provide letters of reference from previous clients*." It seems that the last sentence is contradictory to the first part of the paragraph.

Please eliminate the last sentence that reads: "The State invites vendors to provide letters of reference from previous clients." To clarify, references are required from all bidders.